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1. P AND C OFFICER (PCO) EMPLOYED INITIAL CALL ON MINISTRY HIGHER EDUCATION OFFICIALS EXPLORE HOUSING PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY IREX GRANTTEE JAKE SPIDLE, FIRST EXCHANGE SCHOLAR TO GDR BE ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN. ALTHOUGH APPOINTMENT WAS MADE WITH INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECTION HOELZER, HE MET PCO AND ESCORTED TO OFFICE DEPARTMENT HEAD KINDZORRA. AFTER AMENITIES, PCO PRESENTED SPIDLE'S PROBLEMS, INFORMED MHE OFFICIALS EMBASSY VIEWED SITUATION AS RESULT OF LACK OF COMMUNICATION WITH GDR BUREAUCRACY AND ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY LAY WITH THEM RESOLVE HOUSING PROBLEM.

2. BOTH ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY, SAID WHILE SPIDLE NOT AT FAULT, IREX SHOULD HAVE ALERTED MINISTRY AND HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY IN TIME TO SATISFY SPECIAL NEEDS SPIDLE FAMILY, NEVERTHELESS EVERY EFFORT BEING MADE FIND SUITABLE HOUSING. THREE SOLUTIONS WERE TABLED AND PCO EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT ALL THREE. UPSHOT WAS COMMON AGREEMENT CONTINUE HOUSING SEARCH, BUT THAT SPIDLE SHOULD COME AHEAD WITH FAMILY NEXT WEEK. (FYI- SPIDLE PHONED PCO FROM FRG LATER IN DAY, AGREED WITH P AND C APPROACH, ANNOUNCED COMING IN SEPTEMBER 7 ALONE AND HOPING FOR BEST).

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3. WHEN PCO INFORMED THEM ARRIVAL OCTOBER IREX SCHOLAR

JOAN GLICK, HOELZER REPLIED HE DIDN'T WANT COMPLICATE MATTERS FOR NEW PCO BUT WISHED ALERT POSSIBILITY COMPLICATINS IN FUNDING FOR GLICK. HE ALSO RAISED PROBLEM RELATED TO ANTOEHER IREX SCHOLAR SAMULE LIPSMAN (WHO HAS NOT YET REPORTED IN TO EMBASSY) EXPLAININ THAT REQUESTED RESEARCH MATERIALS CONCERNING HISTOY OF HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY HAVE PRIORITY RESERVTION BY OTHER GDR SCHOLARS, WHICH MAY PREVENT LIPSMAN FROM EVER SEEING ALL PERTINENT MATERISAL.

4. SESSION TERMINATED WITH CUSTOMARY EXPRESSIONS GOOD WLL AND CLOSE COOPERATIN EVEN IF SOMEWHAT BLIED BY SOME ASPECTS CASES DISCUSSED. WHEN HOELZER ESCORTED PCO TO OUTE ENTRANCE, HE SAID NEW DEVELOPMENT OF INTEREST WAS HIS WON TRANSFER OUT OF MINISTRY, AND REGRETTEED THAT FIRST MEETING SHOULD ALSO BELAST.

HE CONCLUDED BY RAISING POSSIBILITY HIS OWN APPLICATION NEXT YEAR FOR IREX GRANT STUDY CRIMINAL AND OTHER TYEPS LAW WITH MUCH EMBARRASSMENT AND SHUFFLING AROUND.

5. COMMENT: WHILE PREMATURE PREDICT SERIUS PROBLEMS FOR IREX GRANTTES, IT CLEAR INTRNAL BUREAUCRTIC PROBLM IMPINGING ON SMOOTH OPERATION PRORAM IN GDR. IN SPIDLE CASE, FOR INSTANCE, HOELZER POINTED OUT POTSDAM ARCHIVES COME UNDER INTEROR NOT EDUCATION MINISTRY, REQUIRING THEREFORE CLEARNACE AND CAUSING INTERNAL WRANGLING. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW DEVELOPMENS CLOSELY FOR ANY EVIDENCE SERIUS WILLFULL IMPAIRMENT IREX PROGRAM.
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